

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete present paragraph number [0021] in its entirety and insert the following new paragraph [0021] therefore:

[0021] The entrance opening 36 is preferably the only opening in the sidewalls 16, 18, 20, 22, that is, the sidewalls 16, 18, 20, 22 are preferably smooth and continuous except for the single opening 36. Also, the entrance opening 36 is preferably free of doors, shields, covers and the like which can be urine traps and complicate cleaning of the litter box 10. It has been determined that when the sidewalls 16, 18, 20, 22 are tall enough to obscure the view of the cat, most cats will turn to face the entrance opening 36 while within the container 12 so that they can see out of the container 12. With the cat facing the entrance opening 36 and the remaining sidewalls 18, 20, 22 being free of any openings, the spraying of urine or the escape of litter or feces through the entrance opening 36 is substantially avoided even though the entrance opening 36 is located in one of the sidewalls 16, 18, 20, 22. Note that a cat typically does not spray urine or scratch litter forward toward ~~it~~ its head.